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## ARTHUR JOHNSTONE'S BOOK ON ROBT. LOUIS STEVENSON

Arthur Johnstone of Honolulu takes his place among contemporary authors through a book on Stevenson just published. A few copies have been received here. With a neat title page in black and red, a handsomely printed book opens in this style:

"Robert Louis Stevenson in the Pacific (with portrait and facsimile letter); by Arthur Johnstone. London: Chatto & Windus, 1905."

With appendices the volume contains 327 pages. Only a cursory glance through the leaves has thus far been had by the writer, barely sufficient to return a birdseye view of the general scope of the work. Yet even this gives a strong impression that the book is a valuable, and will form a permanent, contribution to Stevensoniana. What it contains of the odd conversations and fugitive writings of the lamented novelist and poet, while in Pacific latitudes from the Golden Gate to the isles under the Southern Cross, alone should give it a durable status. Amongst this class of matter it is pleasing to see a report of Stevenson's lecture before the Honolulu Scottish Thistle Club, heretofore appearing only in the local papers and a paper in Scotland, excepting as it may have been copied here and there in other ephemeral prints.

Mr. Johnstone has gone much beyond the province of a mere compiler, however, as he reveals his own mind somewhat discursively on Pacific affairs in relation to the attitudes Stevenson took thereto. He thinks that Stevenson's judgment of the Polynesian races with whom he came in contact was biased through his large-hearted sympathies. The names of many local people are mentioned in the book and the impressions of Stevenson held by a number of them given.

To not a few here, it is to be feared, Mr. Johnstone's book will be thought to carry too great a burden of Molokai. Early in its pages one is plunged into the miserable controversy over Father Damien and the muddy pool to be traversed is made entirely too wide, especially as the three men of eminence involved are neither of them spared censure, though all are in their graves. Then the last appendix has Molokai for its topic.

An address to Edwin Markham, the California poet, calling to mind his student days' intimate fellowship with himself, is Mr. Johnstone's introduction of his literary powers to his readers. It sets an ambitious literary standard for writing up to, if taken that way, which the major part of the author's original work in the body of the book does not discredit.

## GEN. RANDALL EULOGIZED BY A BROTHER SOLDIER

Prior to his departure from Manila, General Randall was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Shrines, at which General Corbin related in a graphic manner some features of the distinguished officer's career.

On the 20th day of April, 1861, a fair-haired youth enlisted as a private soldier in the 4th Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers. That is more than forty-five years ago. Stop a moment and recall the conditions of that time, and what has happened since.

The country was threatened with disruption. The very integrity of its being was challenged by a brave and determined minority in battle array. Five millions of men and women were chattels for barter at the will of their owners. We were crossing the great plains from St. Louis to San Francisco in the prairie schooner, taking more months for the journey than we now make it in days.

In the meantime the country has been welded as with steel. No one questions its strength and durability. Foremost among those who by their words and deeds are giving it strength and prestige are the very men who made every effort to destroy it. Today they are of our best citizens. The slaves, by the evolution of war and the grace of God, made manifest in the great Lincoln, are now free and useful citizens of the Republic. The railroad has taken the place of the old trail. The ocean cable makes daily intercourse with all the peoples of the earth quite as free as with our nearest neighbors. The telephone has been born since that date.

That part of our country then carried on our maps as the Great American Desert is now known as the Rocky Mountain States, a land rich in intelligence and material wealth. The awakening of this empire and its recovery from the savage fell to the lot of our army, and no one played a more active part in this great work than the guest now at this board, and that fair youth of forty-five years ago is now an honored major general in the regular army, illustrating in no small way that in this blessed country of ours all things are possible to all men.

It is a long march from the position of enlisted man to that of major general. No one has ever made it more valiantly and with a greater certainty of purpose than George M. Randall. His career is an inspiration to every young soldier of the Republic.

Gen. Corbin characterized Gen. Randall as the "beau ideal of the American soldier."

In eloquent phrases General Corbin recounted his long time acquaintance with General Randall and paid tribute to his worth, both as a man and as a soldier. He recalled the time, many years ago, when both himself and General Randall served together on the staff of General Crook during the Indian campaigns of the southwest. "And Randall," he said, "was the same gallant, unassuming officer he is now, doing his duty conscientiously and without complaint, always giving without asking return, he earned the love and respect of all."

"Of bravery a thousand times de-

monstrated, yet withal as gentle as a woman; always considerate of the feelings of others, always frank and kindly and honest. General Randall is today the finest figure in the American army—a man whom every young officer in the service should take for his example."

Another banquet was tendered Gen. Randall the following night by the Army and Navy Club of Manila.

## QUESTION OF LEGITIMACY.

Judge De Bolt gave a hearing to the petition of Annie Kaulaha and Keoni Williams, sister and brother, claiming against W. R. Castle, trustee, inheritances in the estate of J. R. Williams, their deceased father. A. G. M. Robertson for the respondent opposed the petition on the ground that the statute legitimizing children born out of wedlock whose parents afterward married did not apply to the case, as Williams had a lawful wife living at the time of these children's birth. The court reserved the question for the Supreme

Court. T. M. Harrison represents the petitioners.

Mechanically Correct—"Miss Keeter," said the teacher of the class in English literature, "what is a sonnet?"

"A sonnet," answered the girl with the umbrageous pompadour, "is a piece of poetry that goes, 'heart, love, dove,'

part, art, glove, above, smart, gold, fill, eyes, hold, still, prize,' at the ends of the lines, and almost any kind of words to fill in the rest of it."

"You will remain after school, Miss Keeter," the teacher said, with a frown, "and complete that sonnet by filling it in with the necessary words."—Chicago Tribune.



## MEDITATIVE.

"Some of those fellow men, Jonathan, are gettin' to feel quite easy in the water."

"Pears like it, John."

"They can keep up steam, and steer, and they're not so bad at shootin'."

"Pears like it, John."

"Next thing they'll be singin' 'Mikado Rules the Wave!'"

"Nowise unlikely, John."

"Well, Jonathan—"

"Well, John?"

"I was thinkin', Jonathan—"

"It's good for you, John; so was I."

—Life.

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